

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of March 7, 2005. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully resubmits the Claims section amended in accordance with the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 12, 20, 21, and 30 have been directly amended herein via the resubmitted claim section. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Applicant has deleted the claim status identifiers “(Original)” in claims 3 and 4 and replaced them with the correct claim status identifiers “(Currently Amended),” as requested in the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 7, 2005. Furthermore, Applicant has corrected the claims having deletions comprising 5 or fewer characters. In this regard, Applicant has added double brackets to claims 1, 3, 4, 20, 21, and 30 in order to more clearly indicate deletions having 5 or fewer characters in the claims, and Applicant moved the deleted character “a” that was indicated as a strikethrough to be included in the deleted phrase “~~a data value~~” in claim 1.

Applicant believes that this Response is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (256) 704-3900.

Respectfully submitted,

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